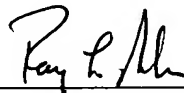


REMARKS

The application, cited references, and Examiner's comments have been carefully reviewed in light of that which is deemed to comprise the instant invention. Applicants acknowledge and confirm the election made on December 15, 2005, for the prosecution of claims 1-11 and, accordingly, confirm that claims 12-15 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. The remainder of the claims have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and consistent with the indication of allowability of claims 2-8. Accordingly, it is respectfully presented that this application is in proper condition for allowance and an action to that end is most earnestly and respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner deem a telephonic conference to be beneficial in resolving any remaining matters, the same would be greatly appreciated.

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